

a client computer for receiving the broadcast integrated television signal and for separating the integrated television signal into video and data display.

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21. The system of claim 20, wherein the client computer comprises a tuner card for separating the integrated television signal.

22. The system of claim 20 wherein the client computer comprises a user interface for presenting the video and data, and receiving input data to be sent to the host server.

23. The system of claim 20, wherein at least part of the data received by the host server from one client computer is addressed to at least one other client computer.

24. The system of claim 20, wherein the client computer further comprises a display device for presenting video and data received from the integrated television signal in separate areas of the display device.

25. A method of providing online services between a host and a plurality of client facilities, the method comprising:

transmitting a television compatible signal to the plurality of client facilities; intermittently receiving data from at least one of the plurality of client facilities; and

integrating at least a portion of the received data together with the television compatible signal for transmission to at least one other client facility among the plurality of client facilities.

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26. A method for integrating a continuous signal of images and sounds with a data signal as a television compatible signal in a host server communicably connected to a broadcasting facility that transmits the television compatible signal, the method comprising:

receiving data defining actions of at least one of a plurality of client facilities; and

combining the received data defining actions as at least a part of the television compatible signal.

27. An interactive television-computer apparatus, comprising:

a television tuner card for receiving the television signal and separating the television signal into a video signal for display on a first section of a display device, an audio signal for transmission to a speaker, and a data signal, at least part of the data signal being sent for display on a second section of the display device; and

a networking device for transmitting data defining actions of a user to a host-broadcasting facility.

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28. A television-computer apparatus employing a user interface for presenting video and data received from an integrated television signal while at the same time being used for inputting data that is sent to a host facility by means of a network connection for integration into a television signal.

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29. A method for remotely controlling display of data on a display device of a computer, the method comprising:

generating display control data to at least one client computer;  
transmitting the display control data to a host server; and  
sending the display control data from the host server to at least one other client computer as part of a television signal for controlling display of data.

30. A single integrated television tuner/data decoding device that attaches to a computer and which receives a television compatible signal, separating audiovisual data and other display data from the television compatible signal, and which data is displayed on a display device connected to the computer.

31. The television tuner/data decoding device of claim 30 configured as a single circuit card that attaches to an expansion slot of the computer.

32. The television tuner/data decoder device of claim 30 configured as an external box connected to the computer.

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33. A system comprising:

a single integrated television tuner/data device that attaches to a computer and which receives a television compatible signal, separating audiovisual data and other display data from the television compatible signal, and which data is displayed on a display device connected to the computer; and

a user interface for displaying the data received from the television compatible signal and for receiving input data for transmission to a communication server that transmits at least a portion of the input data to another computer by means of a television compatible signal.

34. A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a remote communication system to perform a method, the remote communication system having at least one host server and a plurality of client computers, the method comprising the steps of:

integrating data received by the host server from at least one of the plurality of client computers with a television signal;

transmitting from the host server the integrated television signal to at least one of the plurality of client computers;

receiving the broadcast integrated television signal by at least one of the client computers; and

separating the integrated television signal into video and data display.

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35. The computer-readable medium of claim 34, further comprising:  
providing on the client computer a user interface for presenting the video and data, and receiving input data to be sent to the host server.

36. The computer-readable medium of claim 34, wherein the client computer comprises a display device, and wherein the separating step includes displaying a representation of the television signal and the data in separate areas of the display device.

37. A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling communication within a communication system to provide on-line services between a host and a plurality of client facilities in the communication system in accordance with a method, the method comprising:  
transmitting a television compatible signal to the plurality of client facilities;  
intermittently receiving data from at least one of the plurality of client facilities; and  
integrating at least a portion of the received data together with the television compatible signal for transmission to at least one other client facility among the plurality of client facilities.

38. A computer-readable medium containing instructions for integrating a continuous signal of images and sounds with a data signal as a television compatible

signal in a host server communicably connected to a broadcasting facility that transmits the television compatible signal in accordance with a method, the method comprising:

receiving data defining actions of at least one of a plurality of client facilities; and

combining the received data defining actions as at least a part of the television compatible signal.

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39. A computer-readable medium containing instructions for displaying data on a display device of a computer in accordance with a method, the method comprising:

generating display control data to at least one client computer;

transmitting the display control data to a host server; and

sending the display control data from the host server to at least one other client computer as part of a television signal for controlling display of data.

40. A computer-readable medium containing instructions for operating a computer in accordance with a method, the method comprising:

presenting a user interface for displaying data received from a television compatible signal; and

receiving input data by means of the user interface for transmission via a network connection whereby at least a portion of the input data is transmitted to another computer by means of a television compatible signal.--